

Table 2. Management objectives for the principal marine and estuarine species (species groups) of North Carolina.

Species	Objectives*						
	Spawning stock	Monitor	Research	Environment	Harmony	Stock recovery	Enhancement
Bluefish	x	x	x	x	x		
Catfish	x	x	x	x	x		
Croaker	x	x	x	x	x		
Red drum	x	x	x	x	x		
American eel	x	x	x	x	x		
Summer flounder	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Southern flounder	x	x	x	x	x		
Harvest/butterfish	x	x	x	x	x		
Hickory shad	x	x	x	x	x		
King mackerel	x	x	x	x	x		
Kingfish	x	x	x	x	x		
Menhaden	x	x	x	x	x		
Mulletts	x	x	x	x	x		
Porgies	x	x	x	x	x		
River herring	x	x	x	x	x		
Black seabass	x	x	x	x	x		
Weakfish	x	x	x	x	x		
Spotted seatrout	x	x	x	x	x		
American shad	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Sharks	x	x	x	x	x		
Snapper/grouper	x	x	x	x	x		
Spanish mackerel	x	x	x	x	x		
Spot	x	x	x	x	x		
Striped bass	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Tilefish	x	x	x	x	x		
Tunas	x	x	x	x	x		
White perch	x	x	x	x	x		
Blue crabs	x	x	x	x	x		
Shrimps	x	x	x	x	x		
Hard clams	x	x	x	x	x		x
Oyster	x	x	x	x	x		x
Bay scallops	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Calico scallops	x	x	x	x	x		

\*Spawning stock = Maintain spawning stocks sufficient to minimize possible recruitment failure

Monitor = Collect biological, economical and social information necessary to monitor the stocks and assess condition of the stocks and fisheries

Research = Promote research necessary to fill identified gaps in knowledge needed to make decisions concerning the stocks and fisheries

Environment = Promote environmental standards necessary to maintain the stocks and their dependent fisheries

Harmony = Promote harmonious use of the fisheries resources among the various user groups

Stock recovery = Conduct research, promulgate and enforce regulations, and take other steps (such as stocking) to promote rebuilding of depressed stocks

Enhancement = Promote actions, such as habitat modification, which contribute to maintenance and improvement in the status of stressed stocks